

S. 1472. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to modify employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to the percentages in effect before the statutory temporary increase in calendar year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1473. A bill to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant funding for additional Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Strategic Planning Communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1474. A bill providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. INOUE):

S.J. Res. 30. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for women and men; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. Res. 170. A resolution recognizing Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, as the birthplace of southern gospel music; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. Res. 171. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should renegotiate the Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Mexican States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Con. Res. 49. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of "family friendly" programming on television; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. AKAKA):

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ACT OF 1999

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am again pleased to join with my colleagues, Senators MIKULSKI, WARNER, ROBB and AKAKA, in introducing the Federal Employee Retirement Con-

tributions Act of 1999. This bill makes a technical correction to legislation introduced last week that would return Federal employee retirement contribution rates to their 1998 levels, effective January 1st, 2000. It is my belief that the temporarily increased retirement contributions enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 represent an unfair penalty against Federal workers at a time when budget surpluses are predicted into the next ten years.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Employee Retirement Contributions Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. DEDUCTIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DEPOSITS.

(a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—The table under section 8334(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter relating to an employee by striking:

"7.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
7.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
7 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"7 After December 31, 1999.";

(2) in the matter relating to a Member or employee for Congressional employee service by striking:

"7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
7.5 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"7.5 After December 31, 1999.";

(3) in the matter relating to a Member for Member service by striking:

"8.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
8 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"8 After December 31, 1999.";

(4) in the matter relating to a law enforcement officer for law enforcement service and firefighter for firefighter service by striking:

"7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
7.5 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"7.5 After December 31, 1999.";

(5) in the matter relating to a bankruptcy judge by striking:

"8.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
8 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"8 After December 31, 1999.";

(6) in the matter relating to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for service as a judge of that court by striking:

"8.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
8 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"8 After December 31, 1999.";

(7) in the matter relating to a United States magistrate by striking:

"8.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
8 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"8 After December 31, 1999.";

(8) in the matter relating to a Court of Federal Claims judge by striking:

"8.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
8 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"8 After December 31, 1999.";

(9) in the matter relating to the Capitol Police by striking:

"7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
7.5 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

"7.5 After December 31, 1999.";

and
(10) in the matter relating to a nuclear material courier by striking:

"7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.
8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.
7.5 After December 31, 2002.";

and inserting the following:

7.5 After December 31, 1999.";

(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8422(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

"(3) The applicable percentage under this paragraph for civilian service shall be as follows:

"Employee	7	January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.
	7.25	January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.
	7	After December 31, 1999.
Congressional employee.	7.5	January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.
	7.75	January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.
	7.5	After December 31, 1999.
Member	7.5	January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.
	7.75	January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.
	7.5	After December 31, 1999.
Law enforcement officer, firefighter, member of the Capitol Police, or air traffic controller.	7.5	January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.